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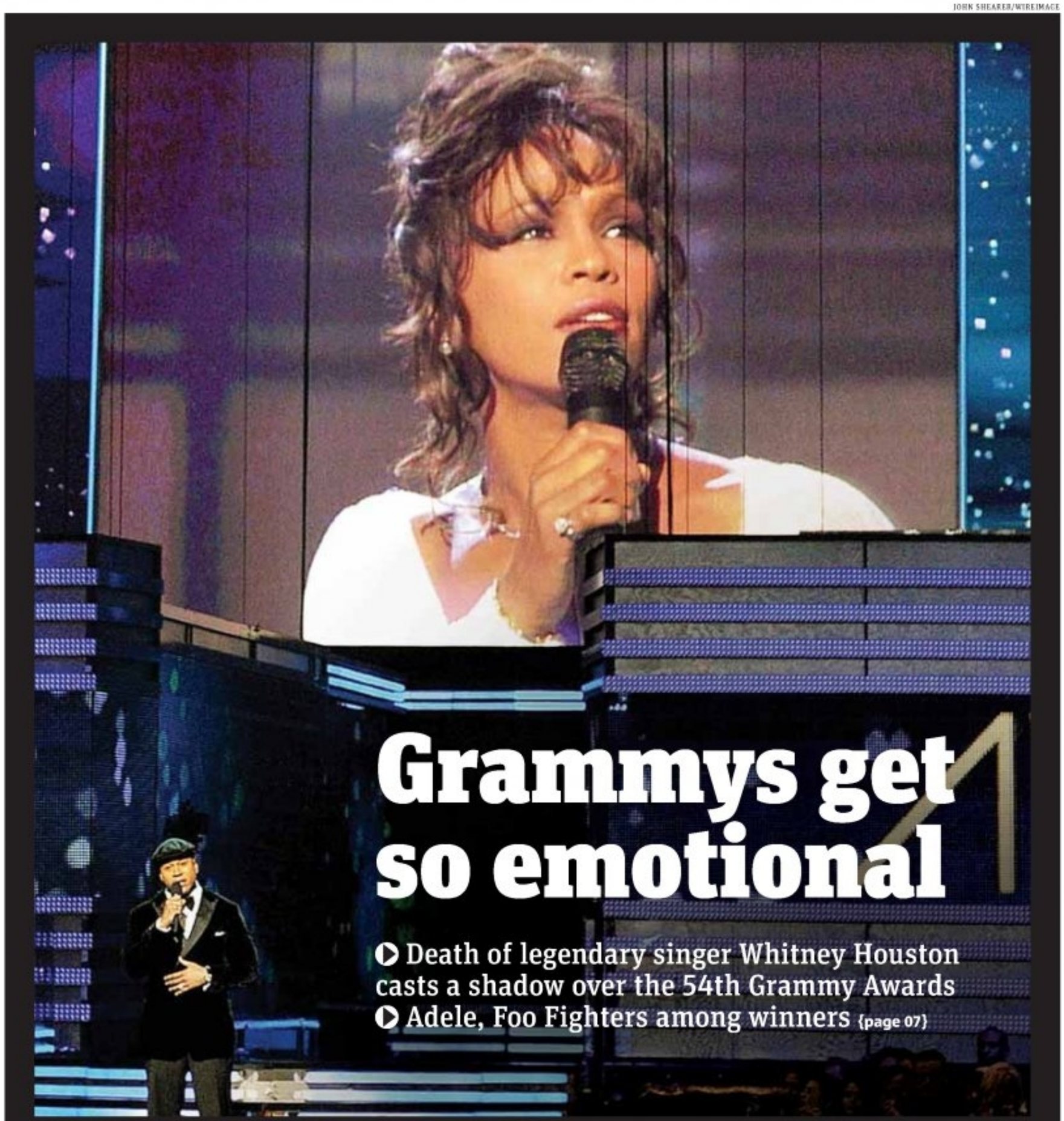

Grammys get so emotional

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Flames ruin Brighton businesses

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In the news

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The number of Boston University students who want to get "Made" on MTV. According to BU's student online magazine "The Quad," would-be stars auditioned for the hit reality show when the music television company made a stop in the Hub recently. METRO

Today's local tweet

"here in Boston. Just spent the last hour in pool with John Mendoza and 4 bellman coming up with killer synchronize swim routine. #MOBBED"

@HOWIEMMANDEL, WHO PERFORMED AT THE WILBUR THEATER LAST NIGHT AND WAS APPARENTLY WORKING ON A ROUTINE FOR THE NEW FOX SHOW "MOBBED"

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▶ The Glass Slipper

Bartenders spot fake bills in strip club

A Beverly woman will face a judge today for allegedly attempting to pass off counterfeit money at a Boston strip club this weekend.

Officers responded to The Glass Slipper on Lagrange Street about 12:21 a.m. on Saturday.

The owner there told the officers that the woman gave the bartender five $20 bills and requested a $100 bill in change.

Employees gave the officers the fake bills, and officers noted that the bills had the same serial number. A counterfeit bill marker was used and it revealed that the bills counterfeit, police said.

Danette Lewis, 23, was still sitting at the bar when officers arrived, police said.

Lewis was charged with possession of counterfeit notes and uttering or publishing false writings. MICHAEL NAUGHTON

▶ Rider community

T cuts protest meets today at Copley

BOSTON. Several local activist groups opposed to the MBTA's proposed T cuts and fare increases will ride the rail to a public hearing tonight as part of a "day of action."

Members of Students Against T Cuts, Occupy Boston and The T Rider's Union, among many others, are scheduled to rally outside Copley Square prior to a public hearing with T officials at the Boston Public Library.

Groups will ride their respective trains to the event, informing customers about the proposals along the way. METRO

Dot parks get hooked up

DORCHESTER. Two Boston parks are now equipped with Wi-Fi service, the city recently announced.

Ronan Park and Town Field in Dorchester are the latest parks to be made Internet-friendly.

Computer or handheld device users can access the free service by connecting to "City of Boston WiFi."

There are now seven Boston parks with Wi-Fi service on-site. METRO

Four-alarm fire destroys Brighton business block

Firefighters fought blaze in 14-degree weather ◐ First responders 'barely escaped' ball of flame ◐ Fire burned for more than five hours yesterday

Firefighters battling an intense blaze "barely escaped" a ball of flames that erupted from a business on Chestnut Hill Avenue in Brighton yesterday morning, according to Boston Fire Department officials.

"At that point a decision was made to pull all [firefighters] out of the building," said Deputy Fire Chief Robert Calobrisi.

The four-alarm fire, which was called in at 5:49 a.m., engulfed a string of one-story shops — including a pizza shop and a janitorial supply store — leading to a roof collapse.

The bitterly cold weather worsened the scenario for firefighters as ice froze to their suits and caused a slick sheath to form on the streets surrounding the scene.

"The weather was problematic," said Calobrisi.

Two firefighters suffered injuries that were not life-threatening, according to officials.

Streets surrounding Chestnut Hill Avenue were blocked off to traffic as neighbors stood on the outskirts of the action, watching smoke billow from the buildings in massive plumes.

Christina Hein, 22, said she dined at the Italian eatery on that strip weekly and was upset about the loss.

"It's really sad," she said. "The owners of the place are really friendly."

The strip of businesses that burned in the blaze included a catering company and a laundromat.

Neighbor Alex Buck, 22, said he woke up to the smell of smoke several blocks away from the fire.

"It's crazy how smoky it is," he said.

The cause of the fire, which started in the pizza shop on the corner, is still under investigation.

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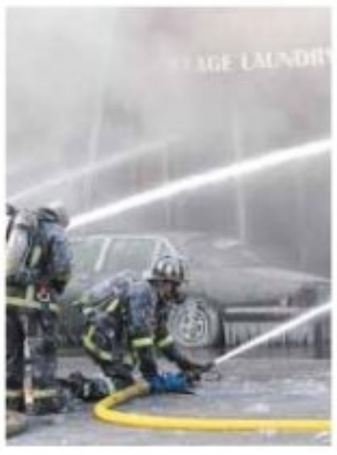
▶ More than 100 Boston firefighters battled an early-morning, four-alarm blaze on Chestnut Hill Avenue in Brighton yesterday.

"It's definitely startling. I feel bad for [the owners]. It's disappointing to see. The owners of the cleaning supply shop are really nice guys."
JOHN LAVELLE, NEIGHBOR



Fire facts

- **Roughly 120 firefighters** were on scene during the Brighton blaze.
- **Officials said it was just 14 degrees Fahrenheit** when they responded to the fire.
- **A firehouse is stationed less** than one block from where the blaze broke out.
- **Officials estimated the fire caused** $4 million worth of damage.

Behind the scenes

Water used to fight the blaze began to collect in the parking lot in back of the block of buildings that caught fire, threatening to flood in to an apartment on Embassy Road.

Fire official said roughly 1 foot of water was outside the apartment, where a sand barricade was constructed to prevent it from creeping inside. METRO/SA

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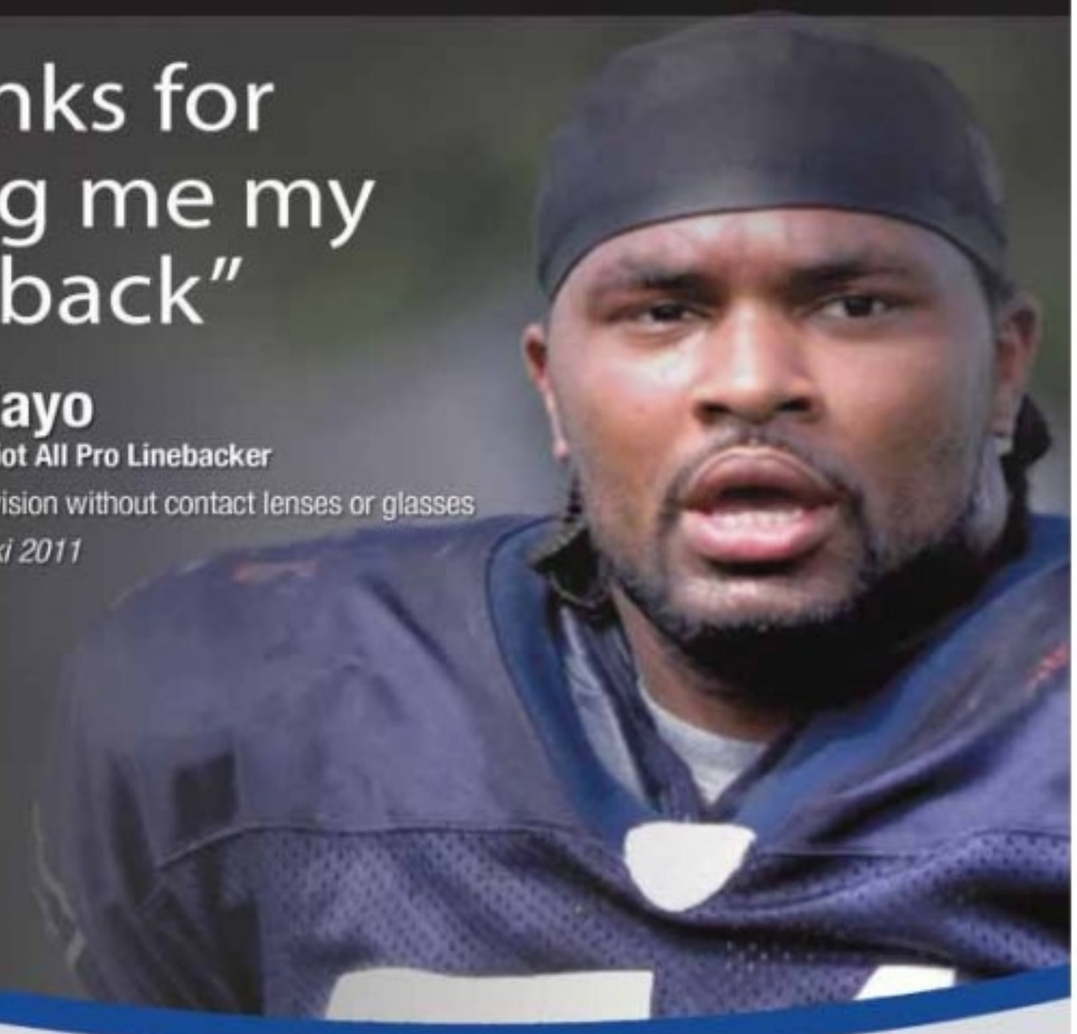

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Mitt Romney claimed a pair of wins during the weekend, scoring a close victory over Rep. Ron Paul in Maine (39 percent to 36 percent) and, more surprisingly, winning the straw poll at the 2012 Conservative Political Action Conference annual gathering of right-minded individuals.

The latter win is surprising in that Romney has struggled to convince voters of his true conservative credentials, due mostly to his former role as governor of the historically liberal state of Massachusetts.

Yet somehow Romney — described as "liberal" and "moderate" by certain primary opponents — wowed the activist crowd. Rick Santorum, who lost the poll by 7 points, has a theory: Romney, he claims, like Paul before him, rigged the vote, "because he just trucks in a lot of people, pays for their ticket, they come in and vote and then leave."

Sarah Palin, who made a splash at CPAC with populist speechifying, also remains skeptical of Romney's conversion. "I am not convinced [of Romney's conservatism] and I don't think that the majority of GOP and independent voters are convinced," she told Fox News yesterday.

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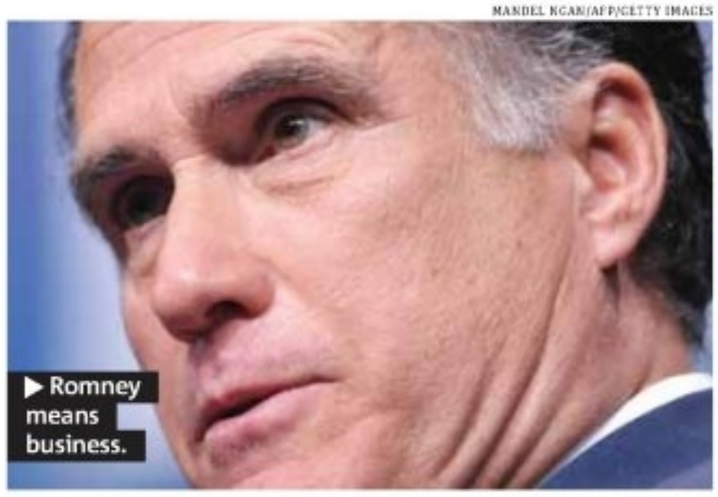

▶ Romney means business.

What's it mean?

According to the Web linguists at dictionary.com, "severe" is not exactly the most positive descriptor.

se·vere, adjective:

- **1. harsh; unnecessarily extreme:** severe criticism.
- **2. serious or stern in manner:** a severe face.
- **3. grave; critical:** a severe illness.
- **4. rigidly restrained in style, taste, manner, etc.; simple.**
- **5. causing discomfort or distress by extreme character or conditions,** as weather, cold, or heat; **unpleasantly violent,** as rain or wind, or a blow or shock.

Romney, for his part, seems aware of this weakness. At his CPAC speech on Friday, he made extra sure to hype his conservative cred, using the word "conservative" (or a close variation thereof) 25 times in the 26-minute address. "I was a severely conservative Republican governor," he told attendees.

Some right-wingers — including Rep. Paul and radio host Rush Limbaugh — were particularly confused by the "severely" line, but we weren't. "Severe," as readers can see in the box to the left, refers specifically to "unnecessary" extremes, "grave" epidemics like sickness, "rigid" ideas and beliefs, and those people and things known for "causing discomfort," "distress" or "unpleasant violence." Sounds remarkably on the money.

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Sometimes you've only got time for the headlines:

- "Romney's Unconvincing Victories" **NEW YORKER**
- "At CPAC, Mitt Romney throws red meat" **POLITICO**
- "Romney is the right man for America. George Romney, that is" **THE WASHINGTON POST**
- "Santorum plans aggressive strategy against Romney" **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**
- "Mitt Romney Once Backed Provision He Now Decries" **HUFFINGTON POST**
- "CPAC settles for Mitt Romney's 'severe conservative' routine" **GUARDIAN.CO.UK**
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WHITNEY HOUSTON: WHAT WE KNOW FOR NOW

The shocking news that music legend **Whitney Houston** died on Saturday at the age of 48 has everyone in the world asking: What happened? As of press time, this is what we know:

▶ On Thursday afternoon, a Los Angeles Times reporter who was on hand to cover rehearsals with **Brandy**, **Monica**, and **Clive Davis** for the mogul's annual pre-Grammys party described Houston as reeking of alcohol, "visibly bloated" and "disheveled in mismatched clothes and hair that was dripping wet with either sweat or water." They report she spent half the day "wandering aimlessly" around the lobby of the Beverly Hills Hilton, where she was staying and where she was set to perform at the same event. Reportedly, guests even called security on the singer, who was performing handstands by the hotel pool.

▶ An autopsy was performed yesterday, but it looks like the cause of death was from drowning in a bathtub; Houston was probably under some kind of sedation. According to TMZ.com, her stylist, hairdresser and two bodyguards were among the ones who found Houston underwater. She had apparently been in the bathroom for more than an hour when her hairdresser went in to check on her, and then screamed for help.

▶ Per TMZ.com, they discovered her with her "face below the water and her legs up ... like she had slid down the back of the tub." The bodyguards pulled her out and called hotel security. After performing CPR on her "cold" body, paramedics pronounced her dead at 3:55 p.m.

▶ Radaronline.com reports that no illicit drugs were found in Houston's hotel room, but police did recover a half dozen pill bottles from her room, including Xanax, Lorazepam and Valium.

▶ Houston's 18-year-old daughter, **Bobbi Kristina**, has been hospitalized twice over the weekend. "She was distraught, on the verge of a complete breakdown," a source tells Radaronline.com.

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▶ One of the last known photos taken of Houston: Here she is, arriving to a Grammy Party at Tru Hollywood on Thursday. She looked much better than the LA Times reported her as seeming.

▶ Fans created a makeshift memorial in front of the Beverly Hills Hilton to mark Whitney Houston's passing on Saturday.

Bobby Brown releases statement

Brown

In his first official comments about the death of his ex-wife, the R&B star released a statement to People saying, "I am deeply saddened at the passing of my ex-wife, Whitney Houston." He adds, "At this time, we ask for privacy, especially for my daughter, **Bobbi Kristina**. I appreciate all of the condolences that have been directed towards my family and I at this most difficult time."

Party on?

Clive Davis, Houston's mentor, went on with his annual pre-Grammys bash at the Hliton hours after his protege died in the same hotel. Instead of canceling the event, which was attended by celebrities such as **Alicia Keys**, **Tom Hanks**, **Jennifer Hudson**, **Diana Ross**, **Princess Beatrice**, **Brandy**, **Mary J. Blige**, **Jessie J** and **Kim Kardashian** (who, judging by this photo, decided to go with a demure look in respect for Houston's passing), Davis, 79, held a moment of silence before a slew of performances dedicated to her. What do you think? Was not canceling the event — at which Houston was to perform — in bad taste?

A Kardashian in mourning

The feed ...

▶ **Stars react to the passing of Whitney Houston on Twitter.**

@BarbraStreisand
She had everything, beauty, a magnificent voice. How sad her gifts could not bring her the same happiness they brought us.

@Oprah
To me Whitney was THE VOICE. We got to hear a part of God every time she sang. Heart is heavy, spirit grateful for the GIFT of her.

@MariahCarey
She will never be forgotten as one of the greatest voices to ever grace the earth.

@SpikeLee
God Bless The Dead. Whitney Houston R.I.P. She Was Only 48 Years Young.

@SimonCowell
I am so sad to hear about Whitney. We have lost one of the greatest singers of all time.

@TonyBennett
It's a tragedy. Whitney Houston was the greatest singer I've ever heard and she will be truly missed.

@ChristinaAguilera
We have lost another legend.

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ROLLING IN THE SWEEP

Adele wins big, but Grammy Awards overshadowed by untimely death of incomparable Whitney Houston

When LL Cool J took the stage to host the 54th Grammy Awards last night, he immediately cleared the air and set the tone for a show that was mostly full of reflective moments, with a few bursts of celebrating the healing powers of music.

"There is no way around this," said the host, who appeared to have tear-stained cheeks. "We've had a death in our family."

He then led the crowd in a prayer to remember Whitney Houston, who died on Saturday. Later in the show, Jennifer Hudson belted out a crushing version of "I Will Always Love You" for which Houston won the Record of the Year award in 1994. Hudson's rendition was full of sadness and beauty, much like Houston's all too short life. The tribute was especially touching, given that Houston — who had six Grammy Awards to her name — had presented Hudson with her first Grammy award just three years earlier.

Speaking of goosebump-inducing performances and Record of the Year awards, when Adele sang "Rolling in the Deep," her first performance since having vocal surgery in November, she brought the whole crowd to its feet.

The British singer won every single award she was nominated for this year, including the big three, Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

"Thank you so much, this is ridiculous," Adele said upon winning the Record of the Year award. In accepting other awards, she was humble and quick to deflect attention to her co-writers. And when she won the final award, she burst into tears, and had a hilarious moment where she acknowledged "a little bit of snot."

Elsewhere in the show, some of the evening's performances seemed inappropriately over-the-top, such as Chris Brown's two appearances, and Nicki Minaj's elaborate rap opera of "The Exorcism of Roman." Foo Fighters turned in passionate, yet purposefully understated performances of "Walk" and "Rope," the former of which won the Grammy for Best Rock Song. Dave Grohl and company quietly won five awards, including Best Rock Album.

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Winners

- **Record of the Year:** Adele, "Rolling in the Deep"
- **Album of the Year:** Adele, "21"
- **Song of the Year:** Adele, "Rolling in the Deep"
- **Best New Artist:** Bon Iver
- **Best Rock Album:** Foo Fighters "Wasting Light"
- **Best Rap Album:** Kanye West "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy"
- **Best Country Album:** Lady Antebellum, "Own the Night"
- **Best Alternative Album:** Bon Iver "Bon Iver"

LESTER COHEN/WIREIMAGE

▶ Adele could have had it all, and she did have it all, including "a little bit of snot."

The greatest love of all

With the sudden death of one of the greatest singers in pop history on Saturday, everybody was talking about Whitney Houston last night, both on the red carpet with Ryan Seacrest, and at the podium. Here are some of the more notable quotes.

- "I think everyone's kind of in shock. ... She impacted everybody. She's Whitney freaking Houston!" *Adam Levine of Maroon 5*
- "I feel like there is a little bit of a dark cloud, but it's ironic, because instead of grieving, we can all let music heal us. ... We can celebrate Whitney with music, because that's what she lived for." *Miranda Lambert*
- "She paved the way for a lot of people. She inspired me." *Flo Rida*
- "Make some noise for Whitney!" *Rihanna*
- "I just want to say to Whitney, up in heaven, we love you." *Stevie Wonder*
- "Tonight we're celebrating the music of Miss Whitney Houston!" *Bruno Mars*

▶ Whitney Houston won six Grammy awards during her lifetime.

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9 p.m., BET

'Mike & Molly'

COMEDY. Mike may miss Valentine's Day dinner. The "but my love for you isn't reserved for just one day" line isn't going to get you out of this one, buddy.
9:31 p.m., CBS

'Smash'

DRAMA. No one said stepping into the shoes of Marilyn Monroe was going to be easy — especially not temperamental director Derek, who makes Karen and Ivy jump through hoops to earn the role.
10 p.m., NBC

AMBER RAY

SCREEN GEMS

▶ Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams romanced American audiences at the box office this weekend.

'The Vow' leads strong weekend at the box office

Romance movie "The Vow" topped U.S. and Canadian movie box office charts over a pre-Valentine's Day weekend that saw the top three films exceed expectations, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

"The Vow," starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum, took in $41.7 million at theaters from Friday through Sunday. Action movie "Safe House," with Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds, took second place with $39.3 million.

In third place, family film "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" brought in $27.6 million.

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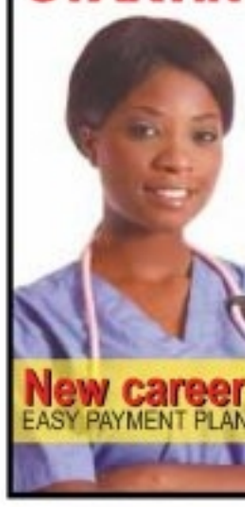

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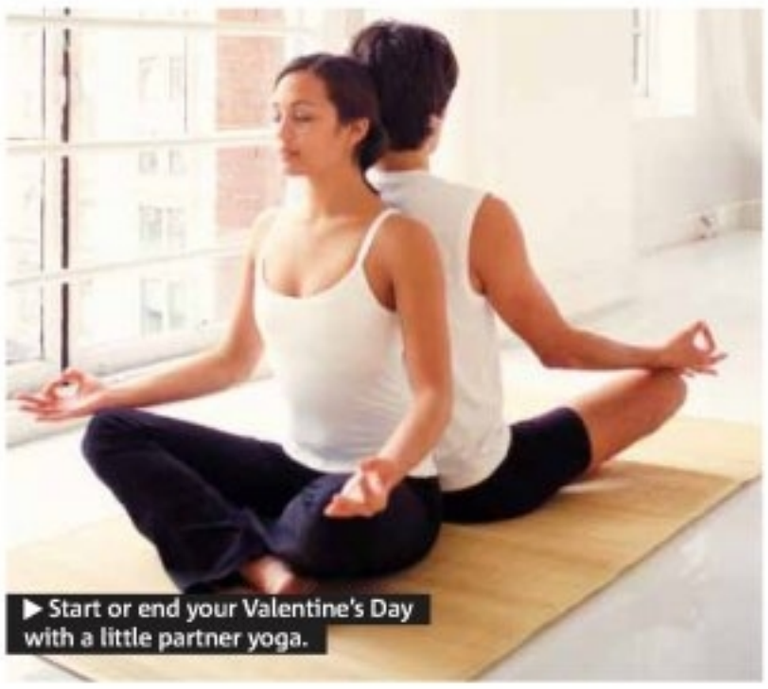
Yoga for two

Couple's yoga expert Nadia Narain guides you through three poses that will help you get extra close this Valentine's Day It's OK to giggle your way through

We leave early in the morning and come home late at night, passing out next to our partners. The problem: We're not always fully present, often spending more time interacting with our iPhones than each other. These yoga poses are aimed at slowing you down and bringing you closer together with your Valentine for an intense five to eight minutes of your day.


▶ Start or end your Valentine's Day with a little partner yoga.

1 Calming breath

▶ Sit back to back with your partner in a comfortable position, making sure your spine is straight. Sitting on a pillow may help lift your lower back. Start breathing in and out together, and feel each other's breath as you start breathing in unison.

▶ Breathe in for two counts and out for four for a few rounds. Then, in for three and out for six; then, in for four and out for eight, gradually building up to in for five and out for ten.

This helps you create a deep feeling of relaxation. This is your chance to slow down the nervous system and connect with your partner after a busy day.

2 Downward dog

▶ This is a classic pose and, done together, it will get the two of you laughing and feeling connected. Position your mats in a straight line (not side by side). Facing away from each other, get on your hands and knees. With your toes tucked under, lift your bum up in the air and press your thighs back to straighten the legs.

▶ Press in your hands as you straighten the arms and press your bum up as high as possible. If you both look between your legs you should be able to see one another.

▶ From here, you can tread gently from heel to heel or take long breaths in and deep sighs out.

This is a great pose to stretch the back and strengthen the arms and shoulders.

3 Spinal twist

▶ Lie on your backs next to each other and stretch your arms to the side. Your left hand can hold your partner's right wrist and vice versa.

▶ Place your feet flat on floor, then lift your feet off the ground and bring your knees into your chest.

▶ Lower your knees to the right. As you are both lowering your knees in same direction, take five breaths.

▶ Lift your knees and then lower over to the left side, taking five breaths.

▶ Place your feet back on the ground.

The spinal twist opens the chest (where the heart is) and releases tension in the lower back, shoulders and neck.

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Staying in love with your job

Chances are you spend just as much time at work as you do with your Valentine Make sure you love — or at least enjoy — this part of your life Keep the work love flowing by keeping negativity out of your cubicle

As you're running around buying chocolates for loved ones, spend a little time this Valentine's Day considering your affection for that other big part of your life: your job. "The average full-time employee is spending more than a third of their day on their job," says Anthony Morrison, vice president of career-matching company Cachinko. "If anything is going to take up that much time, shouldn't it be something you love?"

If you're attempting to reignite the flame at work, remember why you initially fell in love with your position. Heather Huhman, author and founder of recruitment consultants Come Recommended, suggests you stay positive. "Think about all of the great things you've done," she says. "Write down these successes in a spot where you can see them each day to keep your motivation high and attitude positive."

It can also help to form real relationships with co-workers. "Participate in the work community," says Huhman. "It's important to interact with the folks you spend eight or more hours with each day. From time to time, engage in the water cooler chat, take your lunch in the cafeteria or ask a co-worker how their day is going."

Have you ever fallen out of love?

As for the everyday bad romances, it's your responsibility to keep negativity out of your cubicle. "No one is in charge of your happiness but you," says Lynne Sarikas, executive director of the MBA Career Center at Northeastern University in Boston. "If you have colleagues who like to moan and complain, don't listen."

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▶ Aw, you shouldn't have, desk!

What we're into:

Martha Stewart for Avery

We're not usually the type to get excited about home office products, but have you seen Martha Stewart's new line for Staples and Avery? As a woman with (many) a home office, she understands organization to a T, and her new line is — no surprise — crisp, clean and designed for efficiency. It's also — dare we say it? — beautiful.

Featuring everything your home could need, like binders and calendars, plus a few things you didn't know you need, but now covet — peel-away chalkboard labels, anyone? — the line is available in-store at Staples and online at www.staples.com.

"There are something like 20 million home businesses, 17 million of which are run by women," Stewart told reporters at a New York event to debut the new line. "And women like pretty things: They like their homes to look nice, they want to organize, they want to be unique, tidy. We thought, 'What a great opportunity.'"

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Sports careers for the rest of us

Glenn Capeloto still recalls the score of the very first professional sporting event he ever attended: Supersonics 146, 76ers 136. It was 1969, and it was love at first sight.

Later, while attending the University of Washington, Capeloto did radio play-by-play for Huskies football. And he has managed to keep his toe in the sports industry ever since, working as a statistician, copywriter, salesman and just about anything else that keeps him in the front row.

"I didn't make it as a sportscaster — which was my initial dream — but I still got to be side-by-side with Vin Scully. There's just an inexplicable energy to being in the press box. It's a special fraternity," he explains. "I did dozens of jobs in pro sports, and none of them require that you be 7-foot-2 or hit a baseball 450 feet."

Get back to your desk — there are other ways to work in the industry.

Capeloto's first book, "You're In the Front Row: How to Kick Off Your Career in Sports, Even if You're Not a Star Athlete," will be released this month. In 368 pages, he profiles dozens of behind-the-scenes careers in sports, picking the brains of many industry professionals — from referees to equipment managers — to find out how to get one's foot in the door.

"The sports information office at your local college is a great place to start breaking in," explains Capeloto. "These places thrive and survive off of contributions from volunteers and interns. But mostly you just want to get involved anywhere you can. Think of it as a tryout. You're trying that particular specialty on for size, and you're looking for a fit."

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The religion of art school

In 'Art Schooled,' Larry Witham explores parallels between art students and churchgoers Being an artist is more about a way of life

In books like "The Measure of God," "A City Upon a Hill," and "Marketplace of the Gods: How Economics Explains Religion," Larry Witham examined religion in the United States from an analytical, erudite point of view.

But his latest — "Art Schooled: A Year Among Prodigies, Rebels and Visionaries at a World-Class Art College" — is an exploration of perhaps the most profoundly secular enclave in American society: the fine arts conservatory.

Unexpectedly, Witham ran into plenty of parallels between art students and churchgoers.

"Contemporary art is kind of its own religion. Sociologists will tell you this," says the former Washington Times reporter. "You've got to know the language, the rituals, the art theology and — just like any religion — if you're not familiar with these things, you don't feel like an insider."

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▶ Witham observed students at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Witham embedded himself at the revered Maryland Institute College of Art, attending classes, gallery events and administrative meetings. But he spent the majority of his time with individual students, tracking their work and play, as well as their developing zeitgeist.

"I realized that over the last 30 years, being an artist is more about a way of life and attitude. And skills have become somewhat secondary," explains Witham. "There's a definite style, attitude and scene that young artists are attracted to — and it can provide access to the art market, though it's no guarantee."

Tradition vs. tech

Witham noticed a growing divide between the traditional art student and a new breed: the graphic design/IT technophile.

▶ "Some people can make it just by knowing the technology, but other artists still have to make it by mastering a skill — by being able to do something very traditional very well," explains Witham.

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Readers passionate about contraception

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With the new plan President Obama has come up with, religious organizations, charities and hospitals will still need to offer insurance and then pay the premium. This means they are actually paying for the actual cost of such contraceptive services! All I can say is that Thomas Jefferson and the founding fathers must be turning over in their graves. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA E-MAIL**

Had Obama, who took an oath to support and defend the U.S. Constitution, understood the concept of God-given rights, he never would have enacted ObamaCare and would not have been at odds with the Catholic Church.

Where does King Obama come off saying "we decided" to grant the Church special dispensation relating to their concerns about being forced to be part of actions specifically condemned by their teachings? **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

I fail to understand how forcing an institution that actively preaches against a certain thing to fund it can be fine, but not interfering in any way with a person's right to make her own choices can be an affront to religious liberty. **JESSE M. PORCH, WATERTOWN**

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The Catholic Church finds itself in yet another dilemma. Contraception has, over the years, prevented millions of abortions. **BOB SIKSO, VIA E-MAIL**

Liberals like Brayden Simms and Suzy Sandor prove one thing: Democrats are anti-Christian and uneducated. **ROCKY LORE, BOSTON**

If the administration is so worried about the "women's health issue," why not free contraception for men? **JOAN BACHMAN, VIA E-MAIL**

God bestowed upon man the freedom of choice. Adam had a choice. Abraham had a choice. The people, through Pilate, had a choice. God is obviously pro-choice. **MARK NOBLE, SOMERVILLE**

Horoscope

Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Go out of your way to find some time to be with an old friend, because it'll give you a lift in a big way.

Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Successful end results can be achieved through persistence and tenacity.

Aries **March 21-April 19.** Regardless of what you're working on, even if it is something new, results should be pleasant and copious.

Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It may have taken more time than it should have, but that acknowledgement you deserve for something done the hard way will finally be there.

Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you won't be intimidated or taken for granted, you'll manage to be practical about how you handle things.

Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you're in need of someone to confide in, be sure to seek out a practical-minded recipient whom you can open up to without fear of reprisal.

Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Because you're willing to be cooperative and to make some hard concessions, you'll set the example for those you're dealing with.

Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A singleness of purpose and total dedication to your objectives will be the reason for your success.

Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You're not likely to feel comfortable or effective when around individuals whose philosophy or standards don't match yours.

Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A long-standing personal matter that has been hanging around your neck for far too long may finally be put to rest.

Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Go ahead and ask for that much-needed advice, but be prepared to receive some bittersweet counsel.

Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although there won't be any free rides offered, that doesn't mean your powers of acquisition will be totally impotent. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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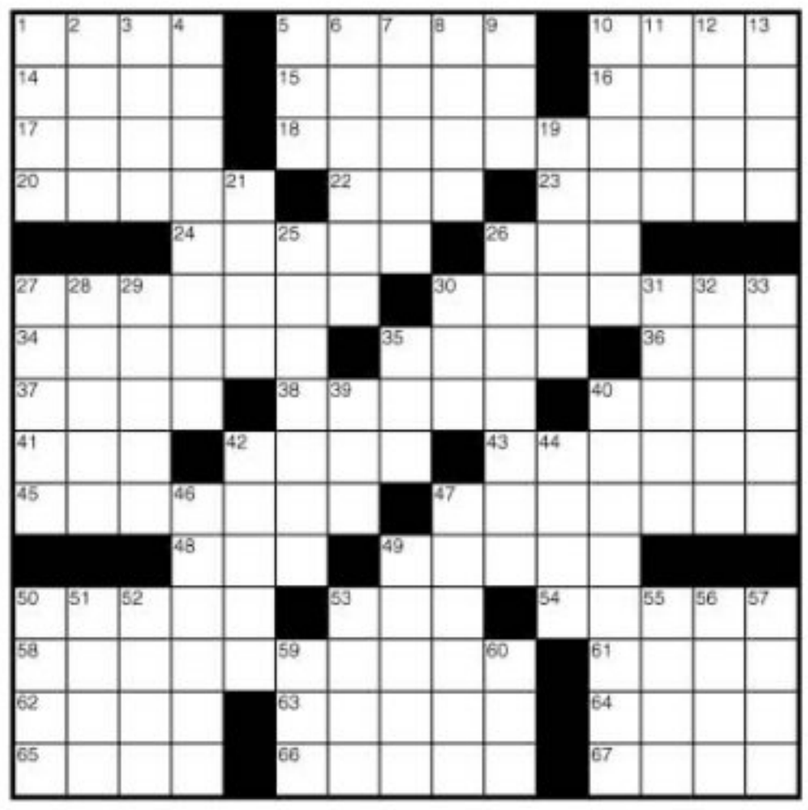

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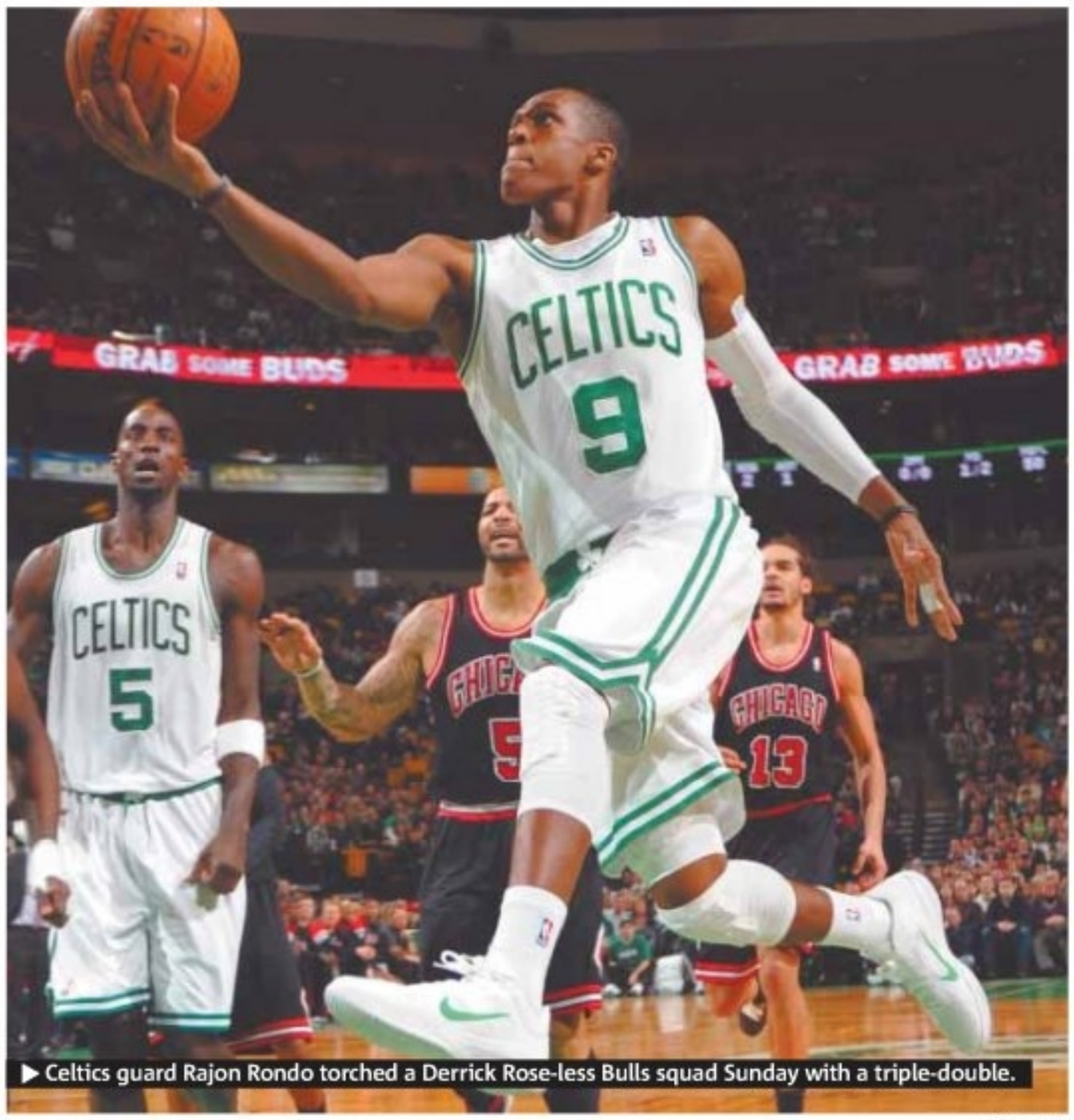
Bullish victory

What went right for the Celts ...

1 No Rose. Rajon Rondo took advantage of reining MVP Derrick Rose's absence by putting up 32 points (season-high), 15 assists and 10 rebounds.

2 Showtime. JaJuan Johnson (12 points) and Chris Wilcox (11 points) got out on the break for Rondo and finished hard with back-to-back alley-oop stuffs in the fourth quarter.

3 Big picture. After their worst loss of the season Friday, the C's rebounded with arguably their best win. MATT BURKE



▶ Celtics guard Rajon Rondo torched a Derrick Rose-less Bulls squad Sunday with a triple-double.

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CELTICS (15-12)

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BULLS (23-7)

What went wrong ...

1 Closing time — The C's had a steady lead throughout the contest and were up by 12 points with just four minutes left. But Chicago found a way to pull within three with under a minute remaining.

2 Ugly offense — This game won't be replayed on Paul Pierce's Springfield highlight reel. He botched a pick-and-roll with KG and turned over the ball in traffic in crunch time.

3 No Scal — Old pal Brian Scalabrine was in the house but did not play, much to the chagrin of the chanting Garden fans. MATT BURKE

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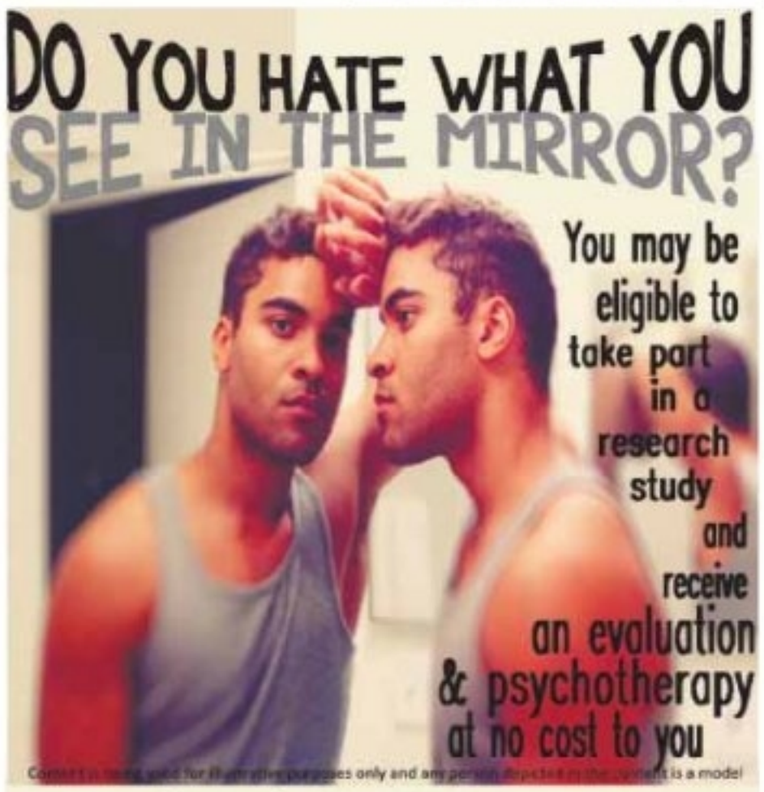
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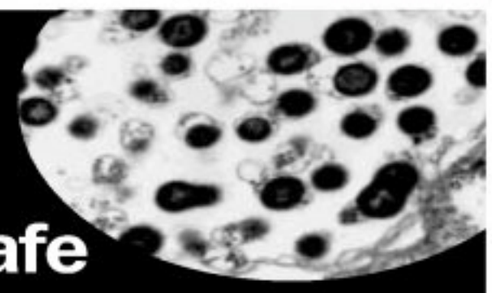

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